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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Lauderhill's Vice Mayor Hayward J. Benson, Jr., Has Been Appointed to National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Steering Committee**

Washington, DC – National League of Cities President Ted Ellis, has announced the appointment of **Hayward J. Benson, Jr., Vice Mayor, City of Lauderhill** to the National League of Cities' (NLC) 2012 Community and Economic Development Steering Committee. The Community and Economic Development committee is responsible for developing policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness. The appointment was announced by NLC President Ted Ellis, Mayor, Bluffton, Ind.

*"Economic development is a cornerstone for community improvement and continuous orderly growth as it navigates a maze of obstacles in reaching a community's optimal development. This Committee's role will help NLC stay the course for all of us,"* states Vice Mayor Benson.

As a member of the committee, *Vice Mayor Hayward J. Benson, Jr.* will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions, while advocating on behalf of America's cities and towns on Capitol Hill, with the Administration and at home.

The chair of this year's Community and Economic Development Committee is Neal Andrews, Council Member, Ventura, CA. Serving as this year's vice chairs are Frank "Tony" Thomas, Alderman, Savannah, GA, and Priscilla R. Tyson, Council Member, Columbus, OH.

For more information on NLC's other committees and councils, visit [http://www.nlc.org/inside\\_nlc/committeescouncils.aspx](http://www.nlc.org/inside_nlc/committeescouncils.aspx).

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.